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SUBJECT: GOI RELEASE - NOVEMBER 25, 1973

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT BY GOI RELEASED BY
ISRAEL EMBASSY IN TOKYO ON NOVEMBER 25, 1973, UNNECESSARY
WORDS OMITTED.

QUOTE

WE HAVE READ WITH DEEP CONCERN STATEMENT BY GOVERNMENT
OF JAPAN, COPY OF WHICH WAS LEFT IN MINISTRY FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON NOVEMBER 22, 1973, ON SUBJECT OF ITS
NEW POLICY WITH RESPECT TO MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

THE PRINCIPLES THAT ARE SET OUT IN STATEMENT REPRESENT
A DEVIATION FROM DECLARED POLICY OF NEUTRALITY PURSUED
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TILL NOW BY JAPAN TOWARDS THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT.

THEY ARE ALSO A RENUNCIATION OF DOCTRINE UNDERLYING THAT
PREVIOUS POLICY, NAMELY, DOCTRINE OF 'FRIENDSHIP' TO ALL.

GOVT OF ISRAEL HAS REAFFIRMED AGAIN AND AGAIN ITS
ACCEPTANCE OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 242 IN ALL
ITS PARTS AND ITS READINESS TO WITHDRAW TO SECURE AND
RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES ON WHICH AGREEMENT WILL HAVE BEEN
REACHED IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PARTIES. THAT IS HOW THE GOVT OF
JAPAN HAS HITHERTO UNDERSTOOD THE RESOLUTION:
IT HAS NEVER CONTENDED THAT IT CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL EITHER
FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES OR FROM ANY AREA OF THEM IN
ABSENCE OF PRIOR NEGOTIATION AND AGREEMENT ON SECURE AND
RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES.

ARTICLE 2 (B) OF RESOLUTION NO. 242 SPEAKS OF NEED FOR
ACHIEVING A JUST SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEE PROBLEM. IT DOES
NOT, HOWEVER, DEMAND RECOGNITION OF LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHARTER OF THE UNITED
NATIONS, AS GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN DEMANDS IN ITS STATEMENT.
THE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AS INTERPRETED BY MANY
ARAB GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS MEANS ELIMINATION OF
ISRAEL.

JAPAN'S ADOPTION OF DISTORTED ARAB INTERPRETATION OF
RESOLUTION NO. 242 WITH AN ADDITIONAL DEMAND FOR ISRAEL'S
IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND
RECOGNITION OF RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, NOT ONLY
FLATLY CONTRADICTS CONTENT OF THE RESOLUTION BUT IS ALSO
AT VARIANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 338 WHICH,
AS JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS WELL AWARE, WAS ADOPTED BY COUNCIL
WITHOUT DISSENT AFTER RECENT HEINOUS ATTACK BY EGYPT AND
SYRIA UPON ISRAEL ON HOLIEST DAY OF JEWISH CALENDAR, THE
DAY OF ATONEMENT, THE SABBATH DAY OF OCTOBER 6.

TO YIELD TO DEMAND FOR ISRAEL'S TOTAL WITHDRAWAL AT
VERY MOMENT WHEN PROSPECTS OF SETTLEMENT THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS
WERE BECOMING REAL WOULD NOT ONLY FAIL TO BRING ABOUT AN APPROACH
OF THE PARTIES TO A SETTLEMENT BUT WOULD ENCOURAGE MORE
THREATS AND NEW VIOLENCE AND REDUCE CHANCE OF JUST AND DURABLE
PEACE.

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GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN WILL SURELY NOT HAVE FORGOTTEN
ISRAEL'S UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI IN 1957, RELYING ON
PLEDGE GIVEN TO US BY SEVENTEEN MARITIME STATES AS GUARANTEE
OF OUR RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL
WATERWAYS. IT WILL ALSO REMEMBER THAT NONE OF THOSE STATES
CAME TO OUR AID WHEN EGYPT IMPOSED BLOCKADE ON STRAITS
OF TIRAN IN MAY 1967.

NO GUARANTEE FROM OUTSIDE CAN BE SUBSTITUTE FOR SETTLEMENT REACHED BY WAY OF NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARTIES. IT IS WITH PROFUND REGRET THAT WE MUST ASSERT THAT PRONOUNCEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN, IN ITS STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 22, OF ITS READINESS TO PLAY ITS PART IN ACHIEVING PEACE IN OUR REGION IS STULTIFIED BY ITS NEW DECLARATION OF POLICY WHICH IS BOUND TO DAMAGE ANY PROSPECT OF DIALOGUE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS. INDEED, TO DEMAND OF ISRAEL IMMEDIATE, TOTAL AND UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AT THIS STAGE OF CEASE-FIRE IS VIRTUALLY TO DEMAND OF ISRAEL TO GIVE UP ITS RIGHTS TO DEFEND ITS EXISTENCE AND INDEPENDENCE.

THIS NEW POLICY IS NOT ONLY APT TO AFFECT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES BUT HAS ALREADY AROUSED GRAVE CONCERN IN LARGE SECTIONS OF WORLD.

IT IS DISTRESSING TO FIND POWER LIKE JAPAN YIELDING TO PRESSURE OF OUR ENEMIES AND TO THEIR THREATS AGAINST THE INDUSTRY AND ECONOMY OF JAPAN AND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF FREE NATIONS PRESUMING TO DICTATE CHANGES IN THEIR POLICY TOWARDS ISRAEL.

WE HAD EXPECTED THAT GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN WOULD VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE SUCH ARAB DEMANDS AND WOULD STAND RESOLUTELY BY SIDE OF A SMALL NATION FIGHTING FOR ITS LIFE. WE HAD NOT ANTICIPATED JAPAN'S RESPONDING TO THREATS, FOR THAT CAN ONLY INVITE FURTHER PRESSURES.

NOTE WAS TAKEN OF STATEMENT ABOUT THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE

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MIDDLE EAST CLOSELY AND, IF IT SHOULD BE NECESSARY TO RECONSIDER, IN THEIR LIGHT, ITS POLICY TOWARDS ISRAEL.

THERE IS, MAINFESTLY A STRONG CONVICTION IN ISRAEL THAT NOVEMBER 22 DECLARATION CANNOT BE LAST OR ONLY WORD OF JAPAN. IT IS HOPED THAT GOVT OF JAPAN WILL RECONSIDER NEW PRINCIPLES WHICH IT HAS NOW FORMULATED FOR ITS MIDDLE EASTERN POLICY, AND WILL SEE ITS WAY TO REVISE THEM IN INTERESTS OF TRUE AND LASTING PEACE. UNQUOTE.
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